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National Park Service Presents Living History Timeline Event Weekend

*Saturday, November 3rd and Sunday, November 4th, 2007
Jacksonville, Florida*

Fort Caroline National Memorial and the Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve invite the public to a special event weekend. Reenactors will present a living history timeline, in which costumed reenactors portray people from six historical time periods: French Huguenots that settled Fort Caroline, first Spanish period soldiers, British period settlers and soldiers, second Spanish period soldiers, United States Marines from the War of 1812, and Union and Confederate Civil War soldiers.

This historical timeline event exposes visitors to the rich and colorful history of Jacksonville as it occurred between the years of 1562 to 1865. Over thirty costumed living history reenactors will guide visitors through the six major time periods showing how historic weaponry evolved and how people adapted to life in rugged northeast Florida.

Cannon and musket demonstrations will begin at 10:00 am each day and continue on the hour until 4:00 pm. Cooking, tool making, and children's games demonstrations will be on-going 10:00 am to 4:00 pm each day. The Preserve's popular "Crossbows for Kids" program, where children of all ages are invited to fire reproduction crossbow bolts at targets, will be another feature of this special event. Weapons and artifacts displays will be ongoing during the weekend.

"This is our last living history special event of 2007," said Superintendent Barbara Goodman. "And I hope area residents will come and learn from our dedicated living history staff and volunteers. Timeline events allow visitors to confront a broad historical panorama; the Timucuan Preserve is one of a few National Park Sites that features such an experience."

This event is free and open to the public from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. on Saturday, November 3rd and Sunday, November 4th, 2007.

For more information about this event, contact the staff at Fort Caroline or Park Ranger Craig Morris at 904.641.7155 or craig_morris@nps.gov.

Fort Caroline National Memorial (904.641.7155) is the home of the Timucuan Preserve's Visitor Center. The park is open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. seven days a week. It is located at 12713 Ft. Caroline Road, in the East Arlington section of Jacksonville, Florida, 32225.